

# The perfect tense

The perfect tense is a form of the past tense. It is used to express what you 'have done'. In Spanish, you use this tense when the time frame used hasn't ended. For example, hoy ('today'), esta mañana ('this morning') or 'este año' ('this year').

## Rules:

The perfect tense is a compound tense. This means that more than one element is used to form the tense. This is different to most other tenses you have covered in GCSE Spanish.

### Step 1

He – I have  
 Has – You have  
 Ha – he/she has  
 Hemos – we have  
 Habéis – you all have  
 Han – they have



### Step 2

- Remove the 'ar' from 'ar' verbs and add 'ado'
- Remove the 'er/ir' from 'er/ir' verbs and add 'ido'

Careful! This is not the same to have as in 'tener'.

## Examples:

- I have eaten → he comido
- I have visited → he visitado
- We have played → hemos jugado
- He has gone → ha ido
- They have listened → han escuchado
- We have drunk → hemos bebido
- They have worked → han trabajado
- We have danced → hemos bailado

## 1. Match up the different forms below:

A	He	He/she has	
B	Has	I have	
C	Ha	We have	
D	Hemos	They have	
E	Habéis	You have	
F	Han	You all have	

## 2. Write the meaning from memory:

A	He	
B	Hemos	
C	Has	
D	Ha	
E	Hemos	
F	He	
G	Habéis	
I	Ha	
J	Hemos	
K	Han	

## 3. Match up the perfect tense verbs below:

A	Escuchado	Danced	
B	Trabajado	Eaten	
C	Bailado	Worked	
D	Comido	Drunk	
E	Bebido	Ridden	
F	Visitado	Visited	
G	Montado	Gone	
H	Ido	Swum	
I	Nadado	Listened	
J	Ayudado	Helped	

4. Summarise the rule:

**AR verbs go to: \_\_\_\_\_ ER/IR verbs go to: \_\_\_\_\_**

5. Translate the phrases below into English:

A. Este año he estudiado muchas asignaturas:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. Hoy he bailado en mi dormitorio:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. Este año no he comido comida saludable:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. Recientemente, mi hermano ha visitado a nuestra abuela:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E. Esta mañana no he bebido nada:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

F. ¿Has visitado Francia?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

G. Mis amigos nunca han ido a Barcelona:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

H. Mi tía nunca ha escuchado las canciones de Shakira:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Translate the phrases below into Spanish:

A. This year I have visited Spain many times:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

B. I have never eaten fast food.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

C. I have never danced so much!

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

D. We have always worked hard in Geography:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E. I have always helped my sister with her homework:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

F. My parents have never been to Germany:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

G. My cousin has never swum in the sea:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

H. This year we have worked hard in school:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# The perfect tense – irregular verbs

There are some irregular verbs. These verbs do not use 'ado' or 'ido', but have their own ending. You'll need to learn these separately:

Infinitive	Past participle	Infinitive	Past participle
Decir – to say	Dicho - said	Describir – to describe	Descrito - described
Escribir – to write	Escrito – written	Hacer – to do/make	Hecho – done/made
Poner – to put	Puesto – put	Ver – to see	Visto - seen
Volver – to return	Vuelto – returned	Morir – to die	Muerto - died
Abrir – to open	Abierto - opened	Romper – to break	Roto - broken

Examples:

- Hemos abierto una nueva tienda (not abrido)
- He visto una película en el cine (not vido)
- Mis padres han vuelto de España (not volvido)

## 7. Write the meaning from memory:

A	He	
B	Hemos	
C	Has	
D	Ha	
E	Hemos	
F	He	
G	Habéis	
I	Ha	
J	Hemos	
K	Han	

## 8. Match up irregular forms from memory:

A	Muerto	Opened	
B	Escrito	Said	
C	Dicho	Broken	
D	Vuelto	Died	
E	Abierto	Put	
F	Roto	Seen	
G	Visto	Done/made	
H	Puesto	Returned	
I	Descrito	Described	
J	Hecho	Written	

## 9. Translate the phrases below into English:

A. Esta noche he hecho muchos deberes en mi dormitorio antes de dormir:

\_\_\_\_\_

B. Recientemente he visto la mejor película en el cine.

\_\_\_\_\_

C. Nunca he escrito una novela en mi vida, aunque me gustaría escribir una.

\_\_\_\_\_

D. Mis padres han vuelto de España y han dicho que fue muy emocionante.

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